

Synergies across Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) Towards Sustainable Development

December 7th / 18:15 - 19:45 / JUSCANZ Regional Group Meeting Room Sunrise Building,
Galactic Room, Main Floor



Session Overview

The session explores how the Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) can work in synergy across different domains towards sustainable development, and features country representatives to share examples of integrated programming and lessons learned.

With the adoption of the 2030 agenda as embodied in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) along with major global agreements in Aichi (Convention on Biological Diversity), Paris (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change), and Ankara (United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification), countries are increasingly interested in pursuing integrated, cross-cutting opportunities for sustainable development. The goals of the Rio Conventions and Chemicals Conventions that the Global Environment Facility (GEF) serves as a financial mechanism are also aligned and interlinked with various elements of the SDGs, ranging from life on land, oceans, forests, zero hunger, to affordable and clean energy.

Guiding Questions for Panel Discussion

Representatives of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and countries will share their perspectives in the panel discussion, and address the following guiding questions:

1. What are the opportunities and barriers to promoting synergy and integrated agenda among the MEAs?
2. What do countries need to foster successful, coordinated planning and implementation of MEAs and SDGs at the national level?
3. What suggestions do you have for the GEF, in terms of programming strategy development and modalities for the next replenishment period, to further facilitate synergy and coordinated implementation of MEAs and SDGs?

Time

Item

18:15-18:25 *Opening remarks*

- Mr. Gustavo Fonseca, Director of Programs, Global Environment Facility

18:25-19:15 *Panel discussion*

Each panelist is invited to first give a 5-minute presentation to share his/her perspectives, experiences, and lessons learned on facilitating synergy across various Conventions and GEF focal areas.

Following their presentations, a moderated discussion to explore the three guiding questions (see above) will take place.

- Ms. Amy Fraenkel, Director, Mainstreaming, Cooperation and Outreach Division, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- Mr. Chencho Norbu, Secretary, National Environment Commission, Royal Government of Bhutan
- Mr. Arturo Caso, Director of Policy and Studies for Climate Change and Ecosystem Management, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Mexico
- Mr. Souleymane Diallo, Chief of Staff, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Senegal
- Ms. Sujata Arora, CBD Focal Point of India

19:15-19:30 *Questions and Answers*

19:30-19:45 *Reflections from the GEF*

- Mr. Gustavo Fonseca, GEF
- Ms. Chizuru Aoki, Lead Specialist, Global Environment Facility

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